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The bulk of Agency materials are classified so that unusual amounts of vault space and other physical safeguarding arrangements are required. Physical compartmentation of personnel and functions is essential for an intelligence activity to a degree not necessary for any other Government or private function. To provide for protection of materials in transit, and in order to avoid undue impairment of efficiency by physical compartmentation, special internal and external communications must be provided for including a secure internal telephone system, pneumatic tubes and electronic controls. The use of specialized machines for recording and analyzing intelligence information is in a high state of development and the nature, location and secure installation of such machines requires most careful planning to assure the most efficient utilization. All of these factors must be considered in designing the building, so as to serve efficiently the complicated functional structure of the Agency and the interrelation of its components, while preserving sound and economical construction. This is no ordinary office building but is a special purpose building of considerable complexity. The proper combination of security, efficiency and economy requires the services of an architect of unusual ability. The fee of such an architect must almost of necessity be on a higher scale than the average for the profession or the average for contracts concerned with general purpose buildings, whether Government or private.

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